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REMARKS

Claims 1-50, 52, and 54-58 are pending in the present Application. No claims have been cancelled, amended, or added, leaving Claims 1-50, 52, and 54-58 for consideration. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-50, 52 and 54-58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a, b, or e), as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,306,507 to Brunelle et al., or U.S. Patent No. 4,503,121 to Robeson et al., or U.S. Patent No. 3,460,961 to Young et al. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants note that on Page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects these claims over U.S. Patent No. 6,306,506. However, on Page 3, the Examiner refers to U.S. Patent No. 6,306,507. Since U.S. Patent No. 6,306,506 is directed to "Molecular Tailoring of Surfaces" (Title), while U.S. Patent No. 6,306,507 to Brunelle et al. is directed to "Thermally stable polymers comprising resorcinol arylate chain members..." (Abstract), and since U.S. Patent No. 6,306,506 is not listed in the IDS Statements or Notice of References Cited, it is assumed that "U.S. Patent No. 6,306,506" was a typographical error and that U.S. Patent No. 6,306,507 was intended.

To anticipate a claim, a reference must disclose each and every element of the claim. *Lewmar Marine v. Variant Inc.*, 3 U.S.P.Q.2d 1766 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

The present claims are directed to a multilayer article. The article comprises an uncured thermoset or uncured cyclic oligomer substrate layer. (Claim 1) Brunelle et al. are directed to "thermally stable polymers comprising resorcinol arylate chain members..." (Abstract) The substrate layer of Brunelle et al. are listed as at least one of thermoplastic polymer, thermoset polymer, cellulosic material, glass, or metal. (Claim 1) Brunelle et al. at least fail to teach a multilayer article comprising an uncured thermoset or uncured cyclic oligomer substrate layer, wherein the coating layer is in contiguous contact with the second layer, and the adhesive layer is in contiguous contact with the second layer and the substrate layer.

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Robeson et al. are directed to laminate compositions with polyarylates and poly(aryl ether). (Title) As with Brunelle et al., Robeson et al. fail to teach a multilayer article comprising an uncured thermoset or uncured cyclic oligomer substrate layer, wherein the coating layer is in contiguous contact with the second layer, and the adhesive layer is in contiguous contact with the second layer and the substrate layer.

Young et al. teach a process of coating a substrate with a polymeric ultraviolet light barrier coating. (Title) They describe forming a coating on a portion of a coated paperboard. (Col. 5, lines 23 – 25) Claim 1 and Examples II – VIII of Young et al. were cited in the Office Action, but again, a multilayer article comprising an uncured thermoset or uncured cyclic oligomer substrate layer, wherein the coating layer is in contiguous contact with the second layer, and the adhesive layer is in contiguous contact with the second layer and the substrate layer, is not taught.

Since Brunelle et al., Robeson et al., and Young et al., all fail to teach all of the elements of the present claims, namely at least fail to teach a multilayer article comprising an uncured thermoset or uncured cyclic oligomer substrate layer, wherein the coating layer is in contiguous contact with the second layer, and the adhesive layer is in contiguous contact with the second layer and the substrate layer, as well as other elements of the independent and dependent claims, Brunelle et al., Robeson et al., and Young et al., each fail to anticipate or even render obvious the present claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

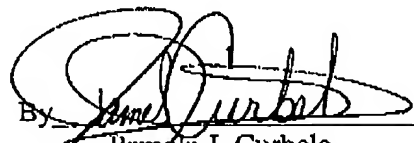
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It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein are allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the case are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-3621.

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